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METHOD FOR ALIGNING A LATTICE OF POINTS IN RESPONSE TO FEATURES IN A DIGITAL IMAGE

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

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Not applicable? This application is a continuation of 09818220 filed March 27, 2001 now Pat. Ho. 6631202 which claims benefit of U.S. provisional application 60254347 filed Dec. 8, 2000.

BACKGROUND

Field of the invention

This invention relates to the analysis of digital images, specifically to the construction of computational meshes from such images.

Description of the prior art

Digital images are often analyzed to obtain meshes for further computation. For example, seismic images are analyzed to obtain geologic meshes used to simulate oil flowing in subsurface reservoirs. Similarly, medical images of the human brain are analyzed to obtain meshes used to simulate blood flow in arteries. A somewhat different example is image morphing, in which meshes derived from one image may be used to encode efficiently differences in subsequent images. In all of these applications, an image is analyzed to construct a mesh.